

NSW State Emergency Services Levy

A new levy was introduced at the NSW Government Mini-Budget to fund the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) through the existing statutory contributions framework. The new provisions are to be supported by back office reforms across the SES, the NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW Fire Brigades.

The proposed SES levy will be treated in the same manner as the current fire service levy (FSL) so the provisions relating to GST and Stamp Duty will remain the same.

These provisions will enable the invoicing and furnishing of returns by the insurance companies to be centralised at Emergency Management NSW. Insurers will need to furnish only one return and only one invoice will be raised by the emergency services, which will cover the contributions required for all the agencies mentioned above.

The NSW Government intends to amend Section 80 of the NSW Fire Brigades Act 1989, which prescribes disclosure of fire levies to policyholders. This is anticipated to be promulgated in late June 2009.

This levy is to take effect from 1 July 2009.

Sunrise Exchange:

Most Insurers products and documentation currently use the terminology "Fire Services Levy". Insurers have been advised to update their Sunrise products and the associated policy documentation to use more generic terminology such as Fire & Emergency Services Levy (F&ESL) or simply Levy.

Sunrise Templates will be automatically updated with any changes the insurers make and will therefore not require any maintenance.

WinBEAT:

The NSW SES Levy is relevant to any property insured in NSW regardless of the location of the Intermediary who is invoicing the premium.

Intermediaries should check the NSW Fire Services and SES rates with their insurers.

The NSW SES Levy will be added to the Fire Services Levy component of the premium. This will require WinBEAT users to update their Fire Levy Rate for NSW via the Maintain menu.

This new version of WinBEAT (3.3.22) includes a new System Option allowing you to amend the Fire Levy prompt, and a new Standard Wording to explain the new levy. If you insure property in NSW you may change the Prompt to F&ESL or a label you consider appropriate and then add the standard wording.

These changes will automatically update all WinBEAT Forms and Reports to reflect the new label.

The following pages explain how to set up the NSW SES levy. **You must be on WinBEAT version 3.3.22 or above.**

Please email winbeat@ebix.com.au should you have any queries regarding the NSW SES Levy implementation.

Change the Fire Services Levy Prompt

WinBEAT System Administrators should ensure they have updated to WinBEAT Version 3.3.22 prior to implementing these changes.

To amend the Fire Levy prompt in WinBEAT the WinBEAT System Administrator will need to complete the following steps:

From the **F**ile Menu select **S**ystem Options.

Click the **I**nvoices & Closings tab.

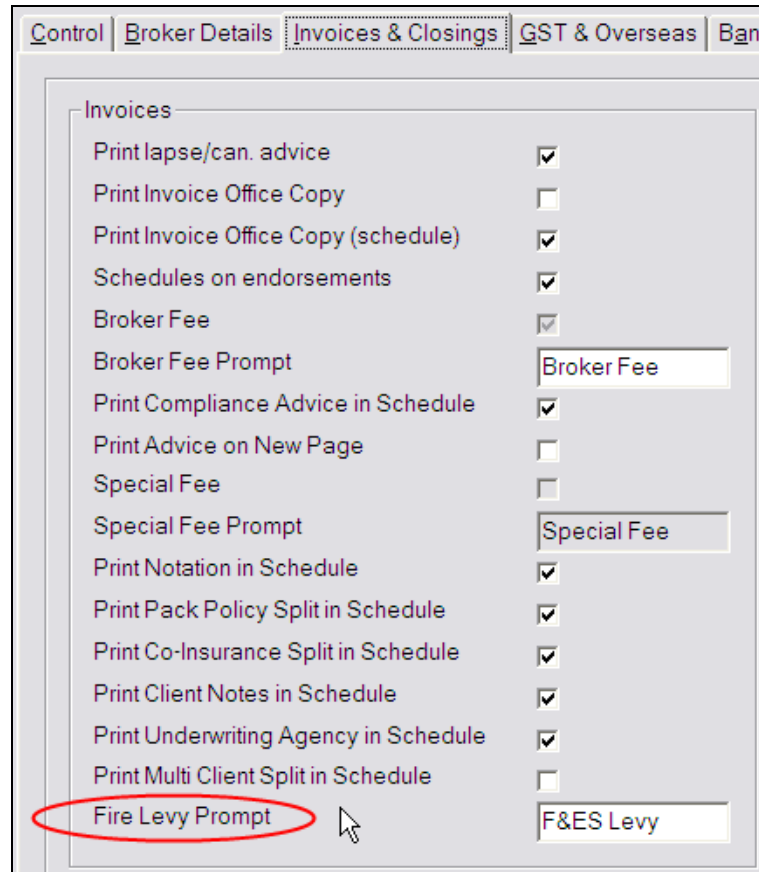
Under Invoices there is a new field for **Fire Levy Prompt**.

The default prompt is **Fire Levy**.

You may edit this prompt to reflect the new Emergency Services Levy for NSW fire risks.

You have ten (10) characters for the prompt.

Once you have updated the prompt invoices and reports will reflect this new prompt.



Invoice Premium sample:

Your Premium:

Premium	U'writer Levy	F&ES Levy	GST	Stamp Duty	Broker Fee
\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$245.00	\$264.00	\$50.00
TOTAL DUE					\$2,959.00

Underwriter Payment Prelist Report:

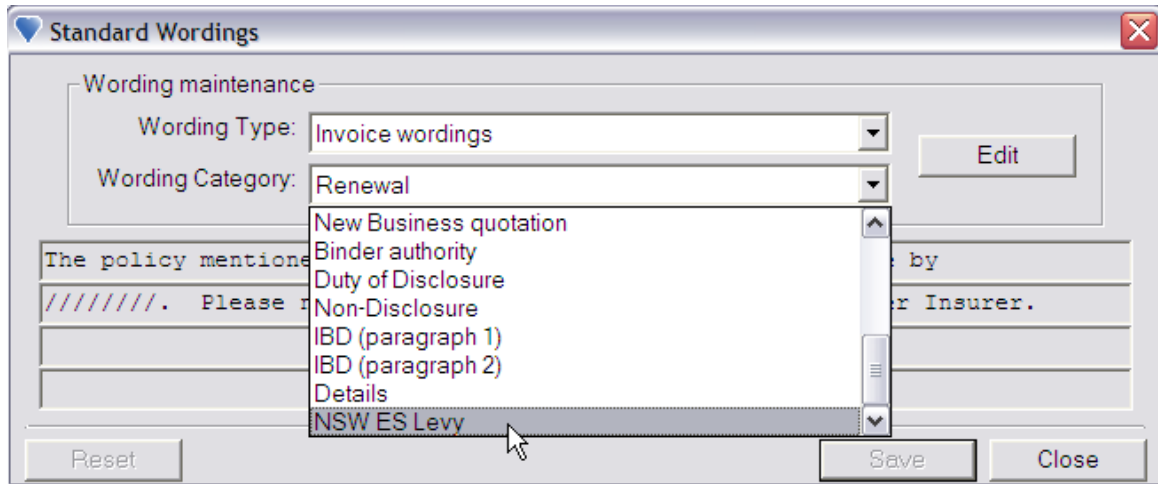
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Extraction Date: 1/06/2009								
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ADAMS S	Home Insurance	28/05/2009	10732	\$2,484.00 Net Prem	20.00%	\$2,484.00		
109778 22 HOM	\$2,000.00 Base	\$400.00 F&ES Levy	\$264.00 Stamp	\$240.00 GST	\$25.00 Fee	\$400.00 Comm		
						\$2,931.50 Total Prem	\$2.50 Fee/GST	\$40.00 CommG!

Add the Invoice Wording

From the **M**aintain menu select **W**ordings – Standard **W**ordings

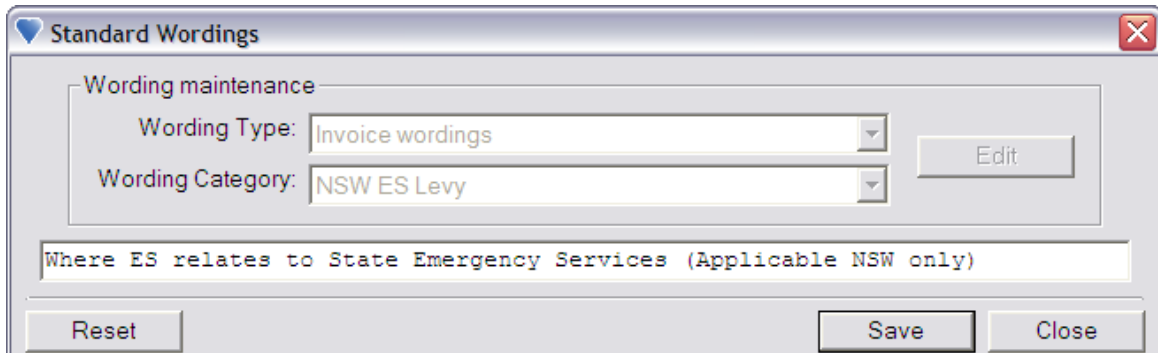
Select Wording Type – Invoice wordings

In Wording Category – scroll to the end of the list where you can select **NSW ES Levy**



Click **Edit**

Enter your wording as required for the invoice. Below is a sample only:



Click **Save**

This wording will now print on any invoice.

Your Premium:

Premium	U'writer Levy	F & E S Levy*	G ST	Stamp Duty	Broker Fee
\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$245.00	\$264.00	\$50.00

* Where ES relates to State Emergency Services (Applicable NSW only)

TOTAL DUE	\$2,959.00
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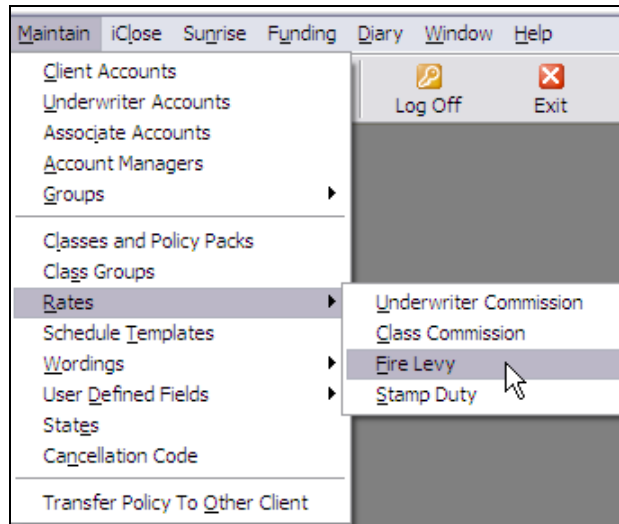
If you do not enter a wording no * or text will display on the invoice

Change the Fire Services Levy Rate

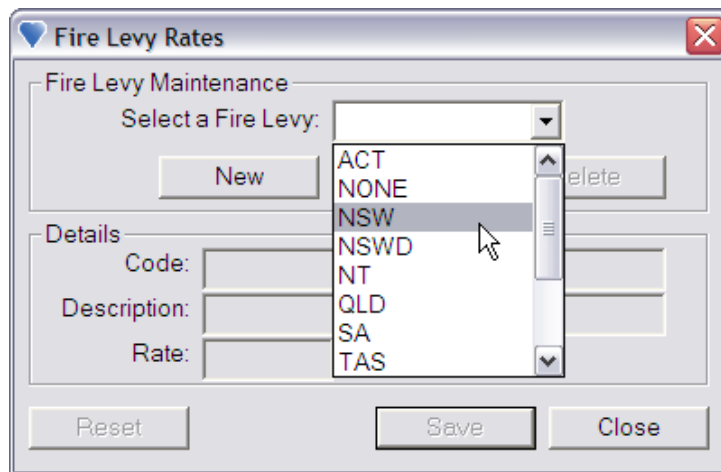
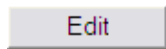
WinBEAT System Administrators may need to change the NSW Fire Services Levy percentage prior to the release of this new version to ensure that July renewals reflect the new rate.

The WinBEAT System Administrator should complete the following steps to update the rates for NSW.

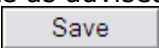
From the **M**aintain Menu select **R**ates - **F**ire Levy



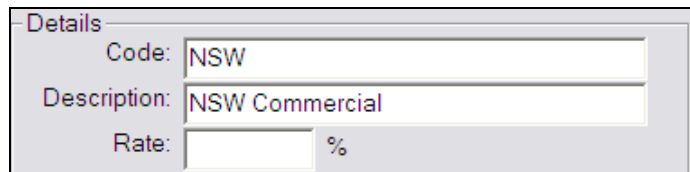
Select the applicable State from the **Select a Fire Levy** drop list and click



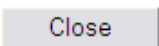
Enter the default rate as advised by your Underwriters. Click



As there are different rates for commercial and domestic risks in NSW you will need to update both NSW and NSWD



Click



once your changes are complete.

All premiums that are entered from this point forward will use the new default rates for NSW Fire Services Levy. Please email winbeat@ebix.com.au if you require further assistance.